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For: CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR EXCHANGING SIGNALS BETWEEN NETWORK  
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-24 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 5, 7-8,  
10, 12, and 20-24 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 10, 12, 14-17, and  
24 are independent.